

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, medical technology has made it possible for thousands of Americans to benefit from organ and tissue transplantation; and

WHEREAS, more and more Americans area aware of organ and tissue donation, thanks to widespread education about this worthy cause; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has over 50% of it's driving population signed up to save lives through donation; and

WHEREAS, there is still a critical need, with over 89,000 people on the national waiting list and 197 in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, twenty people die every day while waiting for an organ and another name is added to the donor waiting list every twenty minutes; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the national and local coalitions on organ and tissue donation is "Donate Life";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2004 to be

ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this first day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

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